

# MONTGOMERY APC E-UPDATE

## A QUARTERLY BULLETIN

Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Health and Human Services

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- "Tool Talk"
- Presentations
- Survey pending for RX4Prep.org
- Social Media

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Find all of the APC sites [here!](#)

### "TOOL TALK"



We want to incorporate a new feature into the

newsletter-YOU! Each quarter we will be highlighting a local health department, community organization or other group that has used a Montgomery APC Tool that we are titling "Tool Talk".

This quarter we are showcasing the **Kennedy Krieger Institute** and their work with our Plan to Be Safe Campaign. [Check out the article here.](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Regional Workshop Tour 2011

Along with Toledo-Lucas, APC, Montgomery APC recently participated in the Regional Workshop Tour in Portland, ME last week. We had a great time speaking with folks from the surrounding area. We presented some of the Montgomery APC tools that will supplement activities

being done by LHDs to meet the new PHEP capabilities, specifically the first PHEP capability on Community Preparedness. The presentation covered the newly launched [www.RX4Prep.org](http://www.RX4Prep.org) website, the Plan to Be Safe Campaign, the Case Management Form our Latino Health Promoter Curriculum and the Flu Prevention and Care Guide. To get a copy of the presentation, send us an [email](#) or go to our [website](#).

### Upcoming



Montgomery APC will be presenting at the *Strategic National Stockpile Summit:*

*Strengthening the Response Through Collaboration and Innovation*, from July 26-28, 2011 in Atlanta. Montgomery APC will be presenting eMedCheck at a session on *Electronic Screening Tools for PODS* along with Johnson County, Kansas Health Department and the San Francisco Department of Public Health to discuss innovative solutions to screening and registration. At the end of the

session participants will be able to understand how technology for POD screening and registration can increase efficiency and accuracy of POD dispensing, download and use Montgomery APC's eMedCheck and print appropriate antibiotic information for up to 20 patients using the SF Bay Area online screening tool.



The second session that Montgomery APC will be presenting is titled *America's Top Model and Training Day All in One: Improving mass prophylaxis operations with just-in-time training and computer models*. Along with Multnomah County, OR Health Department, APC the presentation will cover how computer models can be used to assist with mass prophylaxis planning, the principles of the I-JITT Model and the application of I-JITT to mass prophylaxis operations via use of a toolkit.

**Please come see Montgomery APC if are planning to attend!**

## Stay in the Loop!

### APC CONNECTOR SITE UPDATE

Palm Beach County, FL Health Department has been hard at work on the continuous evaluation of the [RX4Prep.org](http://RX4Prep.org) site Montgomery APC developed last year. **A new survey will be sent out**

**the end of next month. Stay tuned to provide input on the new design!**

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Montgomery APC has several ways to keep current with what is happening.



Friend us on our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter (@montgomeryapc).

We also have a NING account set for Public Health Modeling.

To find Montgomery APC tools and resources check out the website [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apc](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apc) or go to [NACCHO's APC website](#) to search for tools.

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#### As MCDD Gets Ready to Ramp Up Preparedness Messages,

#### Plan 9 is Ready to Help

The Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) at the Kennedy Krieger Institute is one center in a national network of University Centers of Excellence, federally funded by the U.S. Administration on Developmental Disabilities. It is committed to helping people with developmental disabilities maximize their potential and enjoy success in community life.

MCDD accomplishes this mission through training, technical assistance, research, community service, and information dissemination. It is within the dissemination function that MCDD and the Montgomery County APC’s missions intersect. MCDD is charged with providing information and programs across the state to individuals to assist families and caregivers. “Emergency Preparedness is one of our 25 programs and a key community service,” said Christopher Smith, MCDD’s Director.

Jackie Stone, Director of MCDD’s Resource Finder, first learned about *Plan 9* materials at an emergency preparedness summit sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Disabilities. “Plan 9 was easy to read and figure out. It is simple and to the point,” said Stone. *Plan 9* is one of the components of Montgomery APC’s *Plan to Be Safe Campaign*.

“We have disseminated the Plan 9 flyer in a variety of settings,” Stone said. These settings include lectures, health fairs, community meetings, and meetings with individual family members and caregivers. “Any time we meet with parents, caregivers, health care providers, or service coordinators, we give out the *Plan 9* brochure. It’s a good tool to have available.”

“We also focus on emergency preparedness through our information dissemination service, the Resource Finder,” said Smith. The Resource Finder is a robust portal through which users can access a wide variety of services and programs, and includes information on Emergency Preparedness through a link to the Maryland Department of Disabilities website.

“We are ready to ramp up dissemination of emergency preparedness information,” said Smith. Later this year, they will begin including *Plan 9* in the materials given to all Kennedy Krieger patients upon discharge. “We don’t want to reinvent the wheel,” he said. “It’s a classic example of using what you have around.”

In addition, Smith added, “We are expanding our outreach to childcare providers. Up to now we have not done a good job of communicating about emergency preparedness with the childcare community.” As part of this outreach, Kennedy Krieger is adding a new section to its website called, “It’s All About

Disaster Preparedness.” Montgomery APC’s materials will be featured prominently there.

Smith and Stone consider snow and ice, flooding, spring rains, and power outages to be among the most likely emergency scenarios for their region. “We probably won’t see as much snow as we did last year,” Smith said, referring to the Snowmageddon of 2009-10 in the Baltimore-Washington area. “But if we do, we will be prepared.”

Perhaps as a result of that weather emergency, the staff at MCDD has observed an increased awareness of emergency preparedness among their constituents. “Now we have people calling and asking for emergency preparedness programs,” said Stone. “If anyone asks, we are available.”

**If you have an example of how you or your organization has implemented a Montgomery APC tool, contact us to be a part of our “Tool Talk” article. We would love to hear from you!**

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